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AS Fc FUSION PROTEINS

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Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please enter this Preliminary Amendment for the above-identified divisional Application prior to calculating the filing fee. Claims 1-29 were subject to a restriction requirement in the co-pending parent U.S. Application Serial No. 09/575,503.

Applicants herein cancel claims 1-25 without prejudice and amend claims 26-27. Applicants add new claims 30-38. Accordingly, after entry of this Amendment, claims 26-38 will be pending for examination.

A petition for a three-month extension of time up to and including October 11, 2001, is filed today in the co-pending parent U.S. Application Serial No. 09/575, 503.

In the Specification

Please amend the following paragraph of the specification, identified by page and line number, to read as follows. A marked up version of the amended paragraph is attached at the end of this Preliminary Amendment.